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Councilman Harris-Dawson,

We met several times when I was working for LAUSD Board President Steve Zimmer. I am a big supporter of your long-time work with Community Coalition and I am especially grateful for the connections that you make between poverty and environmental justice since you have joined the Council. I am now working at USC's Keck School for Medicine for the department of Environmental Health Division. Because I know how much you care about the intersection of poverty and environmental health issues, I want to introduce you to an opportunity for mothers in your district to participate in a new study through USC's Madres Center.
For this study we are looking for Latina pregnant women to have the opportunity to participate in this research project that uses qualitative questions to ascertain their concerns about the environmental risks during pregnancy. The women that decide to participate will be compensated.

To help facilitate this process I will be coordinating community engagement for Danielle Ramos who is the research assistant in charge of gathering information. I would like to put her in contact with various community stakeholders and environmental health advocates who might be concerned about environmental impacts on pregnancies, infancy and childhood health.

I am hoping you could direct me to who in your district office might be the best contact to help us strategize how to best recruit participants from the 8th council district. I was also wondering if your office might consider co-hosting a workshop with USC where we could reach out to potential participants.

I have attached a flyer in Spanish and English and also cc' Danielle who will be going into the field, recruiting and conducting the surveys/questionnaires. You can also reach the Outreach Director, Dr. Jill Johnston at jillj@usc.edu/323.442.1099 or Daniella at ramosd@usc.edu.

I thank you for all you do for the community and families in the 8th. Especially in this agonizing moment for our city and our nation, I am grateful for your leadership. I believe this study could ascertain important data if we are able to get the right participants. Thank you in advance for helping me to connect to the right folks on your staff and in the community.

Best Regards,

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